

Footnotes

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY & POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Department of History & Political Science had an eventful and fun 2017-2018 academic year which included an on-campus conference, departmental guest speakers, travel to student Phi Alpha Theta conferences, participation in the NAD Teacher Convention, realignment of our curriculum, and introduction of our new pre-law instructor. This edition of *Footnotes*, commemorating the start of a new academic year and Homecoming 2018 is focusing on department achievements by our alumni, faculty, and students.

Over the past year, our faculty participated in presentations

for our students that examined current historical and political issues, as well as provided information related to graduate school.



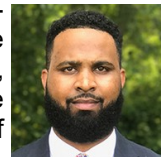
Luther Conference

The Luther Conference, celebrating Martin Luther's "95 Theses" took place from November 1-2, 2017. Speakers presented several theological and historical perspectives on the significance of Martin Luther's work. Dr. Nicholas Miller from the Seventh-day Adventist

Theological Seminary hosted a round table discussion on the Reformation and religious liberty. See selected paper titles on page 2.

In January 2018, Dr. Stephanie Carpenter and several students traveled to the National Phi Alpha Theta Biennial Convention in New Orleans. A complete list of students and their presentations are on page 2.

In June, we welcomed our new pre-law professor to the department. Michael Nixon is a graduate of our department and in addition to teaching one class each semester, Nixon serves as the AU Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion.



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SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Several of our department students interned this past year. The stories below are a representation of the types of internships that students held in 2018; this is not a complete listing, but a sample.

Three students interned with a campaign for the 78th district state representative seat in Michigan. **Sam Fry** served as communication director for the campaign, **Nestor Caceres** served as campaign manager, and **Matt Puckett** served as outreach coordinator. The interns gained valuable experience and a personal look at a political campaign. The campaign gave each volunteer skills to use in the future including managing meeting appearances, attending

and booking town halls and community forums, speaking with the district's constituents, managing publications and mailings, and troubleshooting campaign issues, both current and future.

Joshua Saunders

worked on a 2018 political campaign for a candidate for state representative from the 79th district in Michigan. Josh identified supporters from questionnaires, organized data sheets, and recruited and organized volunteers who canvassed community residents and knocked on doors in support of the candidate. He also organized community town halls and phone campaigns to reach all potential voters.

Two department students interned with Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) during summer 2018. **Ephraim Palmero** and **Julian-Jahleel Jemison** interned in Yemen and France, respectively. They worked with country ADRA officials; handled logistics; entered data and statistics; and supported their respective offices as needed. Palmero's experience was so positive that he is considering joining ADRA once he graduates.

Have Internship Ideas for our Students?

Send us an email to history@andrews.edu today!

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Luther Conference selected presentations:

Charles P. Arand

"From Nothing...Everything! Luther's Theology of the Cross Then and Now."

Eric Carlson

"Lutheranism and the English Reformation Revisited: The Strange Case of Auricular Confession"

Denis Fortin

"Calvin's Treatise against the Worship of Relics: A Reflection on French Reformation Polemical Writings"

Peter A. Huff

"Rethinking Luther and Loyola after 500 Years"

Darius Jankiewicz

"Back to Catholicism?: The Travails of Luther's Ecclesiological Wonderings"

Young-Chun Kim

"Simul Lustus et Peccatur in Luther's View of Sanctification"

Michael Sunhae Lee

"Sacred Time in 19th-century American Religious Narrations"

Peter Marshall

"Regime-Change and Identity Formation in the English Reformation"

David Onnekink

"The Reformation as Mission: The Dutch Case"

Trevor O'Reggio

"Martin Luther: Master of Paradoxes"

John Reeve

"Sacerdotalism in Luther's Babylonian Captivity of the Church"

Victor M. Reyes-Prieto

"The Counter-Reformation and the Fragmentation of Protestantism"

David Trim

"The Theology of Reformed Militancy"

Phi Alpha Theta Conference

Several **Phi Alpha Theta** members traveled with Dr. Carpenter to New Orleans, LA for the Phi Alpha Theta National Biennial History Convention. Shianne Pierre, Nestor Caceres, Jon Philippe Ruhumuliza, Laisa Vakaloloma, and Joshua Saunders attended sessions on a wide range of history topics while networking with faculty and students from other schools. Dr. Carpenter served as chair and commentator for several student sessions and two AU students presented papers.

Nestor Caceres

"*Por La Raza*: The Struggle for Identity and Education Reform in the Chicano Movement"

Jon Ruhumuliza

"Preference or Mission: Seventh-day Adventism & the Pursuit of Racial Balance in the Early 1900s"

Phi Alpha Theta members also traveled to Ferris State University (MI) to attend the regional Phi Alpha Theta student conference in March 2018.

Curriculum Re-alignment

Over the past year, as the university refocuses its mission and embraces the concept of "world changers," we in the Department of History & Political Science have done the same. To that end, we have refined our curriculum to better meet the needs of our students. We have embraced skills that will serve students in advanced education and careers. With program and course revision underway, our three department clubs also have embraced an effort to provide greater services and skills to their constituents. Phi Alpha Theta has attended and hosted regional and national history conferences, Pi Sigma Alpha has sponsored guest speakers, and the Pre-law Society has attended Law School Admission Council events. In the future, we hope to team up with other AU departments to provide mentoring and internships for our students (and theirs) within the fields of criminal justice, law, and political science.

NAD Teacher Convention

John Markovic and Stephanie Carpenter spoke with social studies teachers at the Chicago meeting. Check out the department website for supplemental power point slides if you are teaching social studies.

OUR 2017-18 GRADUATES

Nestor Caceres
Samuel James Fry
Daniel J Fuels
Jon Philippe Ruhumuliza

Rajiv Saintina
Joshua Segun Dominic Saunders
Laisa Vakaloloma

B R I A N E . S T R A Y E R E N D O W M E N T F U N D

We continue to fundraise for the Brian Strayer Endowment fund, which is designed for students who are looking for money to be able to participate in research. The founder, Dr. Brian Strayer, served at Andrews University for decades and is passionate to help students.

The scholarship is nearing the amount needed to be fully endowed and useable by students, but we need your help. Visit www.andrews.edu/giving to donate today. Be sure to select the Brian E. Strayer scholarship fund so that it goes towards the right project! Additionally, you can send a check to "Office of Development, Andrews University, Griggs Hall B213, 8903 U.S. 31, Berrien Springs, MI 49104." "Andrews University" is the recipient while "Strayer Scholarship Fund" should be put on the subject line. Dr. Strayer is eager to send out gifts to donors.

About Dr. Strayer

For more than three decades, Dr. Brian Strayer enjoyed sharing "the past is always present" in class. These historical snippets ranged from the original meanings of words like "sincere" and expressions like "true blue" to the ancient beginnings of such modern practices as applying makeup, playing table games, and enjoying air conditioning.

Recently, Dr. Strayer's own past has reached forward to touch his present. Nearly sixty years ago, when Strayer attended a tiny Adventist church school in Union Springs, NY, he took classes with the Cash boys—Bill, Larry, and Freddy—whose parents, Robert and Kathryn, were faculty members at Union Springs Academy. Brian and the Cash boys played softball, joined Pathfinders, and ate their baked bean and alfalfa sprouts sandwiches for school lunches (their mothers were deep into health reform!).

Two decades later, when Strayer was working on his PhD at the University of Iowa, Mrs. Kathryn Cash, then living in Michigan, typed his 1987 doctoral dissertation on her home computer. A few years later, Dr. Bill Cash, then on the faculty of St. Mary's College in South Bend, IN, helped Dr. Strayer revise his dissertation for publication as the book *Lettres de Cachet and Social Control in the Ancien Regime* (1992) with Peter Lang Press.

Then, in early 2017, Strayer learned that the very first contributor to the newly established Brian E. Strayer History and Political Science Student Research and Travel Endowed Fund was none other than Dr. Bill Cash of California! Dr. Cash's gift of several hundred dollars enabled Dr. Strayer to send his childhood friend the Excalibur sword letter opener and solid glass receptacle that sat on his desk for decades.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

